GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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SALEM STEEL PLANT
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) had formed a board level sub-committee to examine the disinvestment procedures to ensure transparency regarding the sale of Salem Steel Plant (SSP);

(b) if so, whether SAIL is yet to open the bids submitted by Jindal Steels for the 74 per cent stake in SSP;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether reserve price for the sale of SSP had already been worked out; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has formed a Committee comprising of members of the Board of Directors to facilitate the process of divestment of Salem Steel Plant (SSP).

(b)&(c): The financial bid for SSP has been received and would be opened at the appropriate stage in the process of disinvestment of the plant.

(d)&(e): SAIL has not calculated the reserve price for the sale, though such price has been worked out by the Merchant Bankers who are advisors to the process and kept in a sealed envelope.